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TITLE: AIDS in Immigrants in New York City.

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BACKGROUND: One in four New Yorkers is born outside of the US. We compare foreign NYC born AIDS cases (FB) with those born in the US.

METHODS: NYC AIDS cases diagnosed through 12/97 and reported through 6/98 were analyzed. Duration of residence in US or citizenship for FB cases was not known. Cases were stratified by gender, risk behaviors, race and % dying < 6 months of diagnosis.

	US (%)	FB (%)
Men	79	83
Women	21	17
White	29	18
Black	42	37
Hispanic	29	40
Asian	0.1	4
MSM	33	42
IDU	49	17
Heterosex.	8	11
Other	7	27
<u><6 Mo.</u> <u>Mort.</u>	30	27

RESULTS: Of 105,483 reported AIDS cases, 11,348 (10.7%) were foreign born. FB were from 150 countries; 73% of cases were from the Caribbean or Latin America, and 17 % from former Union countries. An additional 4053 (14.6%) reported cases had unknown country of origin & were excluded from analysis. Demographics, mortality & risk behaviors are listed in Table. Proportional risk distribution varied by country and gender. Mean age was 39.3 vs. 38.9 yr. for FB and US respectively.

CONCLUSIONS: AIDS cases in NYC immigrants are racially, ethnically and linguistically diverse. Behavioral risk varied by country and gender with a smaller proportion FB AIDS cases with history of IDU and a larger proportion of cases with unknown risk (Other). These findings have important implications for HIV prevention in this population in New York City.

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